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The British Apollo,

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by a Society of GENTLEMEN.

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ON Monday next will be publiſh'd the Supernumerary Paper for the Month of *Auguſt*.

Q. *I deſire your Opinions, whether you think it agreeable to the Laws of Humanity to kill a Man, that Aſſaults us on the High Way.*

A. If the Aſſailant make an Attack upon our lives, it is Undoubtedly Lawful to repel Violence with Equal Violence: But when he deſigns nothing further than a Robbery, the Caſe is worthy of Debate.

If by the Laws of Humanity you mean no more than the Laws of Juſtice, the murder of the Aſſailant cannot be Impeach'd of Illegality. For as a Poor Man has as Juſt a Title to the ſmall Modicum he enjoys, as has the Rich Man to his large Poſſeſſions; ſo the Travailer has as good a Title to his Money, as has the Robber to his Life. If therefore the Latter put it out of the Power of the Former to Defend his Money any otherwiſe than by ſo violent a Reprifal, he by ſo Illegal an Invaſion forfeits his Title to his Life.

But if by the Laws of Humanity you mean (as the Expreſſion Emphatically ſignifies) thoſe Laws of Love and Affection, of Tenderneſs and Compaſſion, Interwoven with our Beings, and Stampt, as it were, the Characteriſticks of our Nature, you ſhou'd then conſider, whether it be agreeable to thoſe endearing Laws, for the Defence of ſo Inconſiderable a Property (as is that of a little Money) to deprive your Fellow-Creature (for ſuch is the Robber ſtill, notwithſtanding that he proclaim hoſtility againſt you) of ſo Valuable an Enjoyment as that of Life. Nor can you Overlook that Important Conſideration, that, if you Kill him, not only in a State of Impenitence, but in the very commiſſion of an Actual Sin, he is Irretrivably Loſt, Undone for ever. Much leſs can ſo ſevere a proceedure be conſiſtent with that Great Law of Reveal'd Religion, ſo poſitively enjoyn'd under the Moſaic, ſo movingly enforc'd under the Chriſtian Inſtitution, of Loving our Neighbour as our ſelves.

But then, when we conſider our ſelves, not in a State of Nature, but under the Obligements of Society, we cannot but reflect, that the Robber is a Publick Enemy; that to forbid ſo Neceſſary a Defence wou'd give Encouragement to the Guilty, wou'd prove an Extenſive Misfortune to the Innocent; that ſuch a Violator of the Law ſtands, as it were, already Condemn'd *By* Law, and e'er you be ſo happy as to ſecure him, wo'd be brought to Publick Juſtice. And as the eternal welfare of the Villain may give way to the Publick Good; ſo in Mitigation, you may conſider alſo, that ſhou'd you ſpare ſo Injurious a Life, it is to be fear'd at leaſt, that the owner will proſecute in the Unlawful Courſes, and reaſure up more Wrath againſt the Day of Wrath; that ſhou'd he, when under the Sentence of the Law, appear devout and Penitent, however Charitably you ought to hope, you can place no confidence in that Repentance, which proceeds from ſo near a proſpect of Eternity; but muſt leave the Executed Perſon to the Mercy of that God, who both knows the ſincerity of his Heart, and is the only Judge, whether he will accept of His Repentance as available to Salvation, who now ſincere ſoever, has both loſt the opportunities of Action, and Owes all his Repentance to no better Cauſe than ſo unfortunate a Loſs.

From the preceeding Particulars repreſented on both ſides of the Queſtion we ſubſcribe to that Mode Opinion of a great Moraliſt, that to Kill the Aſſailant is neither an Unlawful Action, nor a Neceſſary Duty, but left to the Determination of the injur'd Travailer.

But tho' we deliver this Opinion in the general, yet ſuch different Circumſtances may occur, that what is Unlawful in ſome, may yet be Neceſſary in others. And therefore a Judgment muſt be form'd from preſent Exigences.

But if we cannot take away the Robber's Life without Equal hazzard to our own, then this Conſideration added to the Premiſes on the other ſide of the Queſtion, which turn the Ballance, namely, that it will bear diſpute, whether it be worth the while to hazzard the Life of an uſeful Subject for the ſake of ridding the State of a Single Villain.

Q. *You deny Atoms, yet allow of a Vacuum, which two Opinions ſeem Contradictory: For in denying Atoms, you allow Matter to be infinite in littleneſs, and conſequently in bigneſs; which according to Mr.* Locke *(tho a Vacuiſt) proves Plenitude. Pray explain this Matter, which will* &c.

A. We grant your Proposition, that the Denyal of Indivisible Aroms includes Infinite Littleness, but yet deny your Consequence, that Infinite Littleness infers Infinite Bigness. For tho' we own, that it is forreign to Humane Understanding for an Infinite Number of Parts not to compose an Infinite Bulk, yet that this is only a Difficulty arising from our Imperfect Idea of Infinity, appears from hence, namely, that if we Deny the Proposition, and consequently Deny Matter to be Infinitely divisible, we meet with an Equal Difficulty, but with a Disadvantage Considerable enough to turn the Scales, namely, that it is in an Object upon the level with our Finite Capacities.

Q. Why does the Moon look bigger on the Horizon than when in the Meridian?

A. To take no notice of the Opinion exploded by Dr. *Wallis*, that Author attributes this different appearance to the Comparison we draw from the Lands, &c. that lye between Us and the Horizontal Moon.

Q. Is Pepper eaten with such Food we say is windy, because it decreases its Inflation, or because it blunts the Corroding Pungent Particles abounding in those Aliments? Pray say for what reason, if for neither of these.

A. It is doubtless added to windy Aliments to correct their Flatulency, and blunt their Acid Crudities, and with all to strengthen the digestive Faculty of the Stomach.

Q. Why is Smart and Pain to be Distinguished?

A. They are Equally Distinguishable with a Generical Species. For Smart is a Species of P.

Q. Why does the Echo move in an Arcuate, and not a Rectilineal Line?

A. Because an Arcuate Line is most Agreeable to the Circular Motion of the Air, which Solves the Phænomena of Sounds.

Q. Why exceeds the Saltness of the Sea

A. Since by the Opinion of *Aduston* sufficiently [illegible] we think it reasonable to [illegible] Particles of the Sea derive [illegible] the Earth, nor can we wonder, [illegible] have sufficient Quantities of [illegible] the Sea when, as there are Saline [illegible] the Sea, as there is an whole Island [illegible] Mediterranean Sea, as there are Salt-Mines abounding in many Places, to Experience teaches us, that [illegible] Earth is temper'd with no small quantity of Saline Particles.

Q. Gentlemen. A Poem is lately come out under the Title of Sinking Fish, or a Foolish Poem; It appears to be writ by John Dunton, *with whose Merits I suppose you may be acquainted; not by reading his Works, for I believe you would scarcely throw away your Time upon them, but by Reports: I had not Patience to read more of it, than to convince me that it answer'd the Title in the most Genuine Sense. But I met with in it, an Advertisement, which pretended a Continuation of the* Athenian Oracle: *Therefore I desire you to inform the World, whether You design to continue your most Ingenious Undertaking in Case they proceed therein.*

A. Sir. Our *British Apollo* is so well receiv'd and so firmly Establish'd, that we should not the least dispond of Success, tho' all the Authors of the *Athenian Oracle* reunited in a Body against us, of which, the Principal must rise out of their Graves to do: Therefore most certainly we shall not be shock'd by an Advertisement fill'd up with such wretched Stuff as that is, and Ushur'd into the World by such a Ridiculous Piece of Poetry. On Friday next We shall Publish Reflections on the said Advertisement, in which we shall discover that this Society, of *One Man*: (for one alone is to Correct all their Answers in Divinity, Physicks, all Arts and Sciences, in Poetry Serious, Comical and Humerous) is so far from being one of the Members of the former *Athenians*, that *It* understands not in the least the Management of such an Undertaking, nor so much as ever read their Works, by the Gross Impositions, Scurrilous Abuses, Notorious Contradictions and Unparallell'd Non-sense contain'd in the said Advertisements. We shall also give some Remarks on that Piece of Poetry, whose Reputation is to commend this Project to the World, to prevent People's being impos'd upon by the Novelty of the Title, who may receive the like Notion of it, as the Vulgar have of Jack Pudden, who the more Naturally he Plays the Fool, the more wit he must have, whilst *This* (as you observe) answers the Title in the most Genuine Sense. We shall Print it on a seperate Paper, to be deliver'd *Gratis* to such as are, or by this time may, become our Subscribers.

POEMS.

Q. MOST Noble Apollo,
If so Dictates the Fellow,
Because it is the Product of Skill;
Most Sage and wise Praise,
Tell us your Days,
When we have, to do any Thing like a Will.
Our Brains you please,
Our Senses to ease,
And to Dispel our Longings not Spell:
Upon your Sage Dictate,
Where we cannot get out,
Bright Phœbus *the Mist does dispell.*
Last night I did look,
In Euclid's *Twelfth Book,*
And that did some Scruples ingender:
I could not conceive
The Theorem he gave,
Concerning a Cone, and a Cylinder.
Now this is the Case,
If these Equal Base,
And Jump in their height most directly
As the Number one,
Proportion's the Cone,
So three, the Cylinder exactly.
And if this be so,
I pray let me know,
Without making any Objection;
And Pray, Sir, Declare,
A Method that's Fair,
By which I may gain the Conception.

A. That th' Cylinder, Sir,
Without any Stir,
Is three times as big as the Cone;
Let *Barrow* declare,
In Method so fair,
You'll acknowledg 'tis Clearly done.

For

For if you Deny,
And ſtart up a Why,
Abſurdities thence will enſue:
Which if you will ſhun,
As ſure as a Gun,
Th' Poſition you'll own to be true.

Q. *Your Opinion of that Vulgar Notion,*
The Gen'rous Lion, as by Inſtinct taught,
Will pay an Homage, when to Virgins brought,
But if her Chaſtity receive a ſtain,
Death and Deſtruction for th' Unchaſt remain.

A. But ſhou'd the Beaſt devour the trembling Maid,
We wou'd not think her Chaſtity betray'd.
Reaſon wou'd make *Your* Harder thoughts relent,
For Vertue ſoars above a Lion's ſcent.

Q. *Moſt Wiſe* Apollo *pleaſe to tell,*
(*Since* GOD *did* both *create*)
Why Grace ca'n't ſaid before we drink,
As well as when we eat.

A. 'Tis not for *Meat*, or *Drink*, alone,
That *Decent* Grace we lay,
But for *both* Mercies *GOD* we thank,
When we that Duty pay.

Q. Apollo, *we beg you'd the Queſtion Determine,*
Which Schisms *has rais'd i'th' Republick of Learning,*
Some allow you a Coach and four Horſes, and ſay,
You ride round the Globe in a Natural Day;
Whilſt others impriſon you cloſe in a Center,
Out of which, for your Life, you dare not once venture,
Whilſt th' Earth is whirl'd round in a vigorous flight,
Like a Pig amongſt Mortals, tranſfix'd with a Spit,
Then tell us Good Phœbus *which rightly has hit.*

A. 'Tis ſtrange your Preſumption dares venture ſo (high,
As to offer at Secrets confin'd to the Sky;
Poor *Phaeton*, once, an Example was made,
Whoſe Fathers Commands had been better obey'd,
How then dare you thus, give *Temptation* to Fate!
Which will dictate Repentance, but urge it too late!
'Tis enough that *Apoll*'s bright *Influence* Reigns,
And quickens your Thoughts with Poetical Strains;
You had beſt, at a diſtance, gaze up and admire,
For the bleſt in his *Warmth*, may be burnt by his *Fire.*

Q. *Have you a Son ſingle ſo bold as to venture,*
To have and to hold, and ſo in the Nooſe enter
For better for worſe? If ſo, to his Arms
I'll quickly ſurrender my Bags and my Charms.
Theodora.

A. What! In Terms Matrimonial more new Pro- (poſitions,
And does Rich *Theodora* Eſpouſe the Conditions?
An Immediate Reply for your Charms ſhou'd be (made ye,
Could you ſhun but the Fate of the Jolly Old Lady
As you will find in *Numb.* 35.

Q. *Ye Bold Solutiſts*, Britiſh *Gods in Grain,*
Who Science, Wit and Policy maintain,
Tell why at ſight the Turkey-cock exclaims,
And the Red Petticoat ſo much diſdains,
Why in ſuch Grandeur he diſplays his Train,
And ſeems with Scorn to tread the Earth Below,
Solve the Above, ye Lepid Gods,
And I'll make you as drunk as Eſſex Hogs,
Who ne'er drank ought but Sack, ye Dogs.

A. Th' Aſpiring Turkey of his Colours proud,
At each Reſemblance more wrath aloud;
Contemns the Preſence of a Rival Hue,
And does Ambition in his Actions ſhew.
Then quaff thy Bowls with Eſſex Swine,
And there thy Hoggiſh Poetry confine;
'Tis Nectar only Suits our Shrine.

Q. *Ye Learn'd* Phœbeans,
Who diſcuſs Ly Points,
Pray give me Advice in this Matter;
I am modeſt and Fair,
Young and Brisk, with Poetry rare,
Or elſe the whole Town does me Flatter.
Now to tell you the Truth,
I am woo'd by two Youths,
The one of a Mildaing Stature,
The other is tall,
As is any May-pole,
And both Young, and for Comeliness by Nature.
Now concerning my Part,
I am Little and Short,
When Compar'd with the Swain that is Tall;
But when with the other,
Like Siſter and Brother,
The Difference between us but Small.
Pray which of the Swains,
Here deſcrib'd in my Strains,
I ſhall chuſe, I do beg your Solution,
For I do reſolve,
Tho my ſelf I involve,
To follow your Sage Reſolution.

A. Handſome Maid, then beware,
Of Extreams have a care,
And be mindful to match your ſelf wiſely;
Without further delay,
Quit your Index of *May*,
And the other will fit you preciſely.
Since the Middle you Love,
Of this Medium Approve,
And Rejoyce in an Appoſite Stature;
Where you'll probably find,
(If not Union in Mind)
A Concordance in every Feature.

Fugum

Jugum Conjugij

Parrheſij Epigram. 72.

NO Hour in twenty four can ſteal away,
Nor can one Moment paſs throughout the (Day,
Wherein my Noiſy Wife her Clack with-holds,
But at our Wretched Servants ever Scolds:
And if to urge her Cauſe I don't Agree,
Her Satyr Changes, and She raves at Me.
To all She Dictates wholly I Conform,
And when I'm moſt Serene, I act a Storm:
So Peace my Wrath, and Wars my Peace prepare,
And Eaſe I Purchaſe from the Plagues I Bear;
Or I with Servants, or with Wife muſt Struggle;
So Wedlock proves (Alas!) a Mere Litigious J g-
(gle.

SIR,

THE Advices from Frankfort which are of the 22d of July ſtile, Account that the French Army in thoſe Parts conſiſts of 45 Battalions and 86 Squadrons, and that, they are well into the Electorate of Bavaria, who is obliged to leave 6 or 8000 Men in the Lines of Ettingen, and ſeveral other Detachments in other Parts, cannot paſs the Rhine with an Army ſufficient to act offenſively upon which they ſeem to flatter themſelves, the Elect. of Bavaria will be able to put a ſtop to the Execution of the Deſigns formed by the Allies: but the ſame Advices make no mention of their having any Account of the Duke of Burgundy's Army, being declared Regent of Andelouſie, of whom they were aſſured, that tho' that Prince would regain part of the Spaniſh Netherlands to their Confternation muſt have been very great when they heard of the defeat of that Army, which they hoped would oblige the Elector to make ſuch Detachments from their Army in Flanders to the Low Lands, as will give an Opportunity to the Elector of Brunſwick, notwithſtanding all the Difficulties he has met with, to act offenſively. His Electoral Highneſs being informed that the Queen of Portugal will be the 24th at Deal, and that Her Majeſty's Intentions are to paſs through his Territories, has therefore ſent Monſr. Obrey, One of his Miniſters of State to Compliment Her Majeſty, with Orders likewiſe not only to conduct her through his Country, but alſo to defray her Charges. 'Tis ſaid from Yarmouth July 22d. That there paſſed by that place 50 Laden Colliers on Saturday laſt to the Southward without Convoy, and this day came in 40 others; part of them for that place, and the reſt for the River. 'Tis advifed from London, that the Tranſports and the Fleet under the Command of Sir George Bing, ſail'd the 28th from Spithead, towards the Downs. The Ships of War and Tranſports being ſo crowded with Forces that are on board, that 'tis thought they cannot be deſign'd for any long Voyage. That on Tueſday Peter King Eſq; was choſen by the Court of Aldermen Recorder of the City of London, and that Dr. Adams is made a Prebendary of Windſor, in the Room of Dr. Fleetwood, lately made Biſhop of Aſaph. Which is all from Your, &c.

Any Perſons upon Directing their Letters (Superſcrib'd for the *Britiſh Apollo*) to Mr. *Keeble* in *Weſtminſter-Hall*, Mr. *Bickerton* in St. *Paul's* Church-Yard, Bookſellers, or to the Printer hereof, may have this Paper brought to their Houſes (in the City or Suburbs) at 2 *s. per* Quarter, and the Monthly Papers at 6 *d. per* Quarter more: Thoſe who come within the Quarter, to have proportional Deductions at the End. Alſo Books of Guards neatly Bound, to keep them in, at 2 *s.* a-piece. Likewiſe whole Sets from the Begmning, paying only 3 *s.* 6 *d.* for all before Midſummer, and the reſt to go; at which Places Advertiſements are taken in at 2 *s.* 6 *d.* each.

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